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SUMMARY: PRESIDENT PARK'S ANNUAL PRESS CONFERENCE CONTAINED  
NO SURPRISES AND LITTLE THAT WAS NEW. ONLY ANNOUNCEMENT OF DIRECT  
INTEREST TO US IS NEW LINK BETWEEN NK ACCEPTANCE OF NON-AGGRESSION  
PACT WITH ROK AND ROK AGREEMENT NOT TO OPPOSE WITHDRAWAL OF U.S.  
TROOPS. END SUMMARY.

1. IN ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S "PRESS CONFERENCE" JANUARY 12, PRESIDENT  
PAK CHONG-HUI ADDRESSED BLUE HOUSE PRESS CORPS, ASSEMBLED  
MINISTERS, AND NATION OVER RADIO AND TELEVISION FOR OVER TWO HOURS.  
ONLY NEW ELEMENT OF DIRECT INTEREST TO US WAS THAT PAK, IN RENEWING  
HIS JANUARY 1974 PROPOSAL OF MUTUAL NON-AGGRESSION PACT WITH  
NORTH KOREA (NK), WENT ON TO SAY THAT, IF NK ACCEPTED SUCH A PACT  
FORMALLY, PAK WOULD NOT OBJECT TO WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. TROOPS FROM  
KOREA. AS ALREADY REPORTED, EMBASSY HAD BEEN FOREWARNED OF THIS  
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DEVELOPMENT. PAK ALSO STRESSED MAINTENANCE OF TRADITIONAL ROK-US  
FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL DEFENSE SYSTEM.

2. OTHER NEW ELEMENTS: IN NOTING THAT SOUTH-NORTH TALKS WERE IN  
VIRTUAL DEADLOCK, PAK SAID HE WOULD AGREE TO OPEN TALKS WITH NK  
AT P'ANMUNJOM OR ANY THIRD LOCATION, AS NK SEEMED TO OBJECT PARTI-  
CULARLY TO SEOUL AS SITE. PAK ALSO STATED THAT ROK IS PREPARED TO

PROVIDE NK WITH RICE AND BARLEY, TO ALLEVIATE FOOD SHORTAGES CURRENTLY REPORTED IN NK.

3. PAK OPENED "PRESS CONFERENCE" (AN ANNUAL AND UNIQUE EVENT) WITH 13-MINUTE STATEMENT AND SPENT REST OF TIME READING ANSWERS TO NINE QUESTIONS OBVIOUSLY APPROVED IN ADVANCE. PAK SPENT GREATEST AMOUNT OF TIME ANSWERING QUESTIONS ABOUT GOALS OF FOURTH FIVE-YEAR PLAN (WHICH STARTS THIS YEAR) AND ANNOUNCING ECONOMIC POLICIES FOR 1977. PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED NEW NATIONWIDE DRIVE TO CONSERVE ENERGY BY TEN PERCENT, ADDING THAT ECONOMIC GROWTH IN 1977 SHOULD ALSO BE TEN PERCENT.

4. OTHER TOPICS DISCUSSED INCLUDED FOREIGN POLICY FOR NEW YEAR, CAMPAIGN FOR ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM (SOJONG SWAESIN), CULTURE AND EDUCATION, AND NEW VILLAGE MOVEMENT (SAEMAUL UNDONG). PAK ENDED BY NOTING THAT KOREAN ECONOMIC "MIRACLE" WAS IN FACT RESULT OF SWEAT, BLOOD, AND TEARS OF ALL KOREANS, CALLING FOR NO SLACKING OF EFFORTS, AND WARNING OF "TRIALS AND CHALLENGES" TO COME.

5. COMMENT: PRESIDENT PAK'S DELIVERY OF ADDRESS WAS SERIOUS AND WAS UNINSPIRING; HE IS NOT A GOOD ORATOR. HE SPOKE WITH INCREASED STRENGTH AND INTEREST IN SECTION PROPOSING NON-AGGRESSION PACT WITH NK, BUT MUCH OF SPEECH WAS SOPORIFIC. FULL TEXT OF ADDRESS AND ANSWERS TO "QUESTIONS" WILL BE FORWARDED WHEN OFFICIAL TRANSLATION AVAILABLE (PROBABLY TOMORROW). END COMMENT.  
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